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REMARKS

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1. [REDACTED] in connection with the dividing up of the construction projects of Project North/East, it was planned to assign Project I in Pasewalk and Project II in Stallberg to units subordinate directly to Armeegruppe Nord; Project III in Prora to the Prora Division; Project IV in Prenzlau, Project V in Pinnow and Project VI in Droegeheide to the Prenzlau Division; and Project VII in Eggesin, Project VIII in Karpin, Project IX in Spechtberg and Project X in Altwarp to the Eggesin Division. [REDACTED].¹

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2. [REDACTED] Project VIII in Karpin was scheduled to quarter 60 units (companies) of 128 men (excluding officers). The units allegedly included the division reconnaissance battalion, whose four companies were still stationed at Eggesin and other units of the division still stationed in Schwerin, Rostock [REDACTED], Leipzig and Frankenberg.¹
3. According to available information, the light tank unit under Hoeft had five barracks buildings in Project IX in Spechtberg to quarter a total of 1,600 men and 170 officers. While the number of officers approximately conformed to authorized strength at the time of information, the number of EM was estimated at only 75 to 80 percent. An officer of the unit under Hoeft said that this unit was organized into three tank battalions and one motorized rifle battalion. Only four barracks buildings of the above mentioned project were reserved to the heavy tank unit under Schmidt, which, according to available information, was organized into eight companies.¹
4. At the time of information, billets for 12 companies of 128 men including NCOs were under construction in Project X in Altwarp. The branches of service of the units scheduled to occupy these billets were still unknown.²

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5. During the time of information, Major Herbst, (fnu), the tank staff officer of the Eggesin Div, engaged in preparatory negotiations on the construction of driving-school tracks which were to include a smooth roadway for beginners, three tracks for light and heavy tanks, and one track for heavy tanks of a weight of 40 tons. The latter track was to include a gate consisting of a frame with beams, 3.50 meters apart, for dexterity driving; an inclined plane with a 12 percent up-grade; a trench, 2.5 meters wide and 1.5 meters deep; a trunk, 45 cm in diameter lying on the ground; and a shell crater, 3 or 4 meters in diameter and 1.5 meters in depth. Two of the tracks for light and heavy tanks were to include two walls, one 1.3 and the other 2 meters high, with slopes of 2 meters and 3 or 4 meters.

6. Major Herbst received special training, allegedly in the USSR and on various training grounds in East Germany including one near Magdeburg.

7. Colonel **Siegfried Weiss**, division commander, said that T-34/85 tanks wintered at two places behind the building sites of Project VIII. The exact number of the tanks was undetermined. [REDACTED] the troops started training drivers on individual T-34/85 tanks with steering levers.

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8. A command-post exercise of the command units of the division, which involved mainly officers and only a very limited number of EM, was held on [REDACTED]. The exercise, whose problem was unidentified, started in the Eggesin area and ended in the area north of Berlin.

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9. Junior Lieutenant Schuerer, (fnu), chief of the organization and planning section of the division, said that, in April or May, all elements of the division would move to summer camps, established, for reasons of economy in the vicinity of the permanent billets. An official letter, [REDACTED] demanded that no annual leave be granted between 10 and 30 April and between August and November. [REDACTED] screening actions would take place in April and that exercises were scheduled to be held from August to November.

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10. [REDACTED] twenty to twenty-five 57-mm AT guns and twenty 120-mm mortars were observed in the barracks yard of the headquarters billets in Eggesin.

11. [REDACTED] each one large workshop building, 12 meters high, was under construction at Project VI in Droegeheide and at Projects VIII and IX. The crane trolley which hoisted the engines was 6 meters above the floor.

12. Negotiations on the assignment of funds for VP construction projects in 1953 commenced at the Ministry of the Interior in Berlin [REDACTED]. No funds were allocated [REDACTED] Tausendschoen, (fnu), deputy chief of the Basewalk Billeting Office, said that the appropriations for VP construction projects would be cut down considerably, generally by almost 50 percent. A total of 2,300,000 eastmarks and additional 200,000 eastmarks for the VP hospital in Uckermark had been budgeted for the Eggesin Div.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The distribution of projects to Armeegruppe Nord and the Prenzlau and Eggesin divisions is believed correct. The project in Spechtberg quarters the tank school of the Eggesin Mecz Div in addition to the

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two tank regiments, while the project in Karpin is to quarter the three mechanized regiments of this division. The tank battalions of the three mechanized regiments have been stationed at Karpin since the fall of 1952. The elements of the division still stationed at Leipzig and Frankenberg, include the howitzer artillery regiment and the mortar regiment of the Eggesin Mecz Div and the mortar battalions of the three mechanized regiments. The unit still stationed at Rostock is former KVPD 1411, which as the 3d Mecz Regt of the Eggesin Div, is also scheduled to be transferred to Karpin.

25X1A2. Comment. The project in Altwarp will probably serve as billets for AAA and artillery units of the Eggesin Div. The AAA regiment under Major Boerner, (fnu), was stationed at Altwarp in the fall of 1952.

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